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Cook It Up – unique training experience

SIRCH's unique training program, called Cook It Up, is launching Season 3! The program, funded by City of Kawartha Lakes Social Services, trains individuals in food services. Eight to 10 individuals will have the opportunity to gain experience in shopping, menu planning, food preparation and cooking in a restaurant, as well as in serving and customer relations. The program runs two days a week for 16 weeks, and on Mondays in the spring Cook It Up will invite the public to join their group of trainees for a free three-course lunch at Baked and Battered restaurant in Haliburton. (thanks to Colby Marcellus and Craig Gordon, owners of Baked and Battered, for sharing their restaurant with SIRCH for this program.)

SIRCH is looking for people to join Cook It Up. No previous experience is required, just an interest in working in the food services industry. They are particularly interested in training people who want to work in a restaurant, or bakery, or start their own food-related business. Preference will be given to people who are currently unemployed or underemployed, but anyone can apply. For applicants who are accepted to the program, the training will be free. Trainees will receive certifications (e.g. safe food handling) with practical experience and the opportunity to meet chefs and restaurant owners in the area. In the last two years, graduates of Cook It Up have all been offered jobs upon graduation.

The 2017 Cook It Up program will be co-ordinated and taught by Diane McKnight, SIRCH's new food initiatives co-ordinator. McKnight brings a wealth of experience to this position and is excited about working in the community. "We are hoping to get lots of applicants to Cook It Up," McKnight says. "This is an incredible opportunity to learn new skills in a positive creative environment as well as have fun, meet new people, develop an attitude of gratitude and focus on the bright side of life."

Experienced food industry worker, Brenda Coty, will be returning to Cook It Up as the customer service trainer and Fleming CREW will provide additional employment readiness training.

SIRCH is a registered charity whose vision is "to have thriving communities where each person feels connected, supported and encouraged." If you are interested in applying to Cook It Up, contact Diane McKnight at 705-457-1742 x27 or at diane_mcknight@sirch.on.ca.

Shovelling it: Take five

Living Large

Humour by Steve Galea

This year most of us have probably already shovelled more snow than we have in the past five. As a columnist whose wisdom many people rely upon, I feel partially responsible for this. I'll admit, I have slacked off a bit and not provided my readers with enough good excuses to avoid shovelling the driveway.

Here are 10 you can use now.

1. Am I the only one who cares about the snow plowing industry?
2. I thought we might enjoy getting fit by snowshoeing to the road every day.
3. What's the point? It's going to melt by June.
4. I would shovel it but I gave our snow removal tools to the needy.
5. I read that water is soon going to be an expensive commodity so I thought we could stockpile the raw material until spring.
6. I refuse to make the neighbours look bad.
7. We've got four-wheel drive.
8. Honestly, I'm no longer sure where the driveway is.
9. Shovel the driveway? Hang on; I'll look up the best way to do it on YouTube.
10. Be patient and we'll see if my "Snow plow detour" sign works.

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Training will include a Food Handler Training Certificate and employment-ready skills.
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Call 705-457-1742 for more information.
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SIRCH community services

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Hair Stylist Services Request for Quotations

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) MINDEN Site is inviting quotations for providing hairdressing services for the residents of Hyland Crest 2 days a week. Specifications may be picked up at the Minden Business Office, or the Haliburton Business Office, or can be faxed and/or emailed to you by calling 705-457-1392 ext. 2249 or email resume to ***adecarlo@hhhs.ca***

Quotations due by 3:00p.m., Tuesday, December 21, 2016.

It's a wonderful world

Linda Coneybeare
Transat Travel

Happy New Year from Machenzie and I here at Transat Travel. I hope everyone had a great Christmas. Other than the flu, which my daughter so kindly shared with her husband, son and her mother (!) it was a wonderful holiday time.

Winter is here with a vengeance and Machenzie and I are hard at work finding the best travel deals for our clients. A new Ontario law that came in effect Jan. 1 is that all travel prices must now be advertised as an all inclusive price no more Cuba $299 (and in small print plus taxes and fees of $650). This is a very good policy that I am pleased to see passed as law. Machenzie and I always make sure our clients know that the price we are quoting include all taxes and fees and if there are still any destinations where a local tax is paid when leaving the country that you know about it in advance.

Another important bit of information that we provide to our clients (that some booking websites might not make note of) is that for certain countries your passport must be valid for six months beyond scheduled return date. For example, if you are thinking of a trip to the great dive destination of Roatan, Honduras, make sure your passport is valid beyond six months of your return date otherwise you will be denied boarding.

Some countries require a prepaid entry visa for their country and it must be purchased prior to departure. You can't just buy it at the airport. Without this visa once again you will be denied boarding. Brazil, China and India are examples of such destinations. Another very important component of anyone's travel planning is to ensure that our clients have the important trip cancellation, interruption and medical insurance. We always recommend travel insurance for our clients, and can quickly quote a price for this with our insurance company Manulife. The cost for insurance is based upon many factors: age, duration of trip, cost of trip and the non-refundable policies of the airline or tour operator. Travel insurance is not one of the glamorous, exciting parts of planning a wonderful trip but it sure is an important part.

Machenzie recently travelled with Contiki Tours to Switzerland, Germany, Italy and Austria and will have some amazing photos and travel tips to share with you in an upcoming article. I am looking forward to a trip to Key Largo later in January with my daughter Chloe and her family to the same resort, Ocean Point Suites, where I took my son Patrick and his family last March. I haven't been on an airplane since April 2016. I know, that is just not like me, but with our grand renovation here at Transat Travel in August, and enjoying two new grandchildren born in May and June I have been busy elsewhere

But now it is 2017 and there is a great big world to explore. Did you know Lonely Planet listed Canada as the No. 1 country to visit in 2017. How great is that? And the exchange rate is fabulous.

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Razzamataz returns Sunday

Professor Wick's Incredible Magic Factory will be coming to Razzamataz Kids' Shows on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 2 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton. Professor Wick invites the audience on a tour of his Incredible Magic Factory where he designs and constructs magical props. He reveals the fact that some of his best ideas come from the pages of children's literature such as *Alice In Wonderland*, *Aladdin*, *Pinocchio* and *Peter Pan*. The professor pulls some of these books off the shelf and demonstrates the magic inspired by these timeless classics. Floating on a magic carpet, stepping through a mirror and turning a puppet into a real person: these are just some of the magical adventures that the audience will experience when they witness the wonders of Professor Wick.

Razzamataz Kids' Shows! are made possible in part by grants from the Department of Canadian Heritage and the Ontario Arts Council. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the box office on the day of the show. Season's passes are also available prior to the season starting. Season Pass is $24 per person. Per show tickets: adult $10; child $7; kids under two get in for free. More at http://www.razzamataz.ca/

An unwanted holiday

Health unit reminds parents to update student immunization records to avoid possible school suspension

Checking that your child's vaccination records are up-to-date will protect against disease and possible school suspension.

In mid-January, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit will be sending notices to students in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes for whom it does not have up-to-date vaccination records. If the records are not updated with the health unit immediately, school suspensions for these students could start later this spring.

Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, the health unit must ensure students attending school are immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis (whooping cough), varicella (chickenpox) and meningococcal disease. If any of these vaccines are missing, students can be suspended from school. Students may be exempted from vaccination for medical reasons and issues of conscience or religious belief.

"There is good reason why these vaccines are required for Ontario students. Vaccines are free, safe and effective and protect young people against these serious diseases," says Marianne Rock, manager of communicable disease control, epidemiology and evaluation with the HKPR District Health Unit. "We encourage families who receive a health unit notice to take a moment and review the student's vaccination record and get it updated with us as quickly as possible."

Local families are asked to follow these three steps:

1. Check your student's records. For a list of recommended and required vaccines for students, call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507, or visit www.hkpr.on.ca.
2. If a vaccine is missing, get your student vaccinated. See your health care provider or contact the health unit to get any missing vaccine.
3. Update your student's vaccination records. Contact the health unit with the updated vaccine record. Call 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507, fax the record to 905-885-5352, take a photo of the updated record and email toimmunization@hkpr.on.ca, or drop off the record at any health unit office in Port Hope, Lindsay or Haliburton.

In many cases, students have received all of their required vaccines from a family doctor or other health care provider, but families have not provided the records to the health unit. "Records of immunization given by family doctors are not automatically forwarded to the health unit, so the responsibility falls to parents," says Rock. "For most people, these notices are a necessary reminder to bring their child's immunization record to the health unit so the information can be added to our database."

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The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police would like to notify members of the public of the transition of their dispatching which moved from Smith Falls Provincial Communications Centre to the Orillia Provincial Communication Centre.

This transition occurred on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

How will this affect the public?

There will be no change to how you telephone the OPP for priority calls for service or emergency calls. When you dial 911 or the 1-888-310-1122 your call will simply be routed to the Orillia Communications as opposed to the Smith Falls Communication Centre.

What is changing?

To contact the OPP for non-emergency calls, please update your records with the PCC-Orillia numbers and use these numbers for non-priority calls.

Main administrative line – 705-329-7300

Fax – 705-329-7397

This winter wonderland photo was taken by Debbie Comer in Moore Falls.

Happy 150!

Many residents enjoy the warmth of the bonfire at the Dysart 150 sesquicentennial party on Jan. 7 at the A.J. LaRue arena and outside. There was food, music and a special beer in honour of the municipality's birthday. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

A cake featuring the Dysart 150 logo was enjoyed at the sesquicentennial celebrations. The logo was created by Haliburton artist Darby Bayly and features a log to highlight the history of forestry and beauty of the area. The log also features 150 rings, one for each of Dysart's years of existence.

Brant Matthews from Toronto, aka the Fire Guy, puts on an entertaining show on ice at the Dysart 150 celebrations on Jan. 7. Matthews juggled and performed fire tricks all while on a pair of skates.

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A place to contemplate
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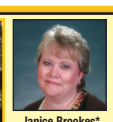

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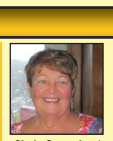

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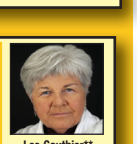

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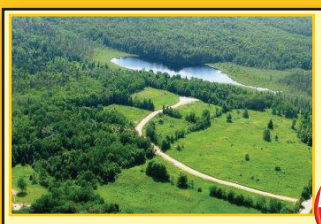

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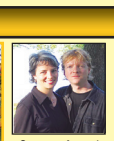

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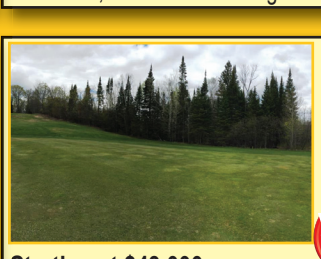

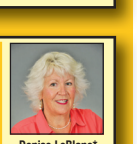

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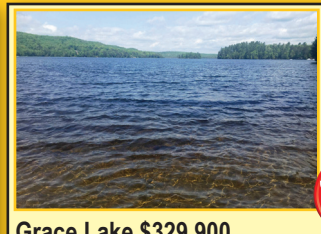

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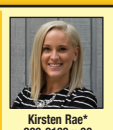

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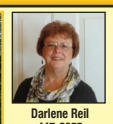

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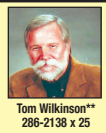

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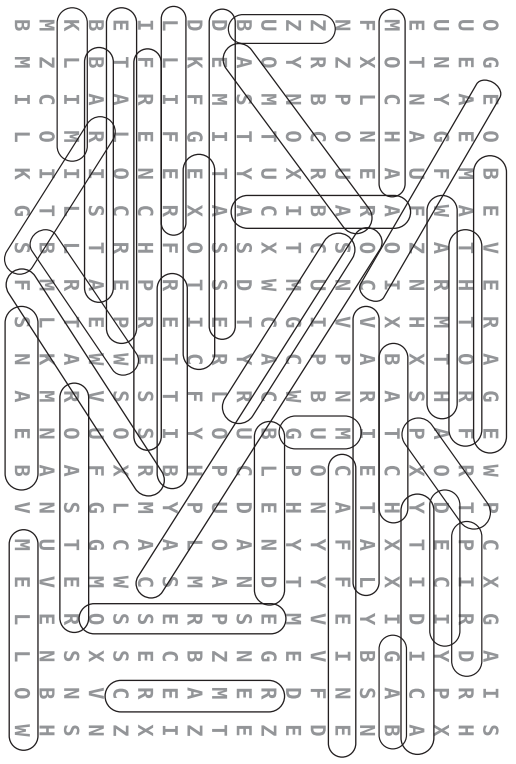

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Snowmobilers raise $20,000 in Snowarama

Disabled children can be thankful to 218 riders who raised more than $20,000 in Whipper Watson's Snowarama for Timmy in Haliburton County on Saturday.

In the early morning hours on Saturday, 167 riders set out from Minden while 51 riders left Haliburton village as the joint Haliburton and Minden Snowarama got underway.

In Minden the riders raised $12,626 for the cause while Haliburton's total came to $7,615 for the day's ride.

The rider with the most pledges starting in Haliburton was Jack Courtney of Kitchener with $2,115. In Minden, Del Taylor of Beaverton raised $1,210. Organizers in Minden said Taylor's effort was commendable since riders usually get large pledges from big corporations, but Taylor's sponsors were individual pledges of $2 and $5 on the average.

Both Taylor and Courtney have been riders with the most pledges in previous snowaramas.

Organizers in both Minden and Haliburton thought the change from Sunday to the Saturday ride, increased participation significantly.

"Saturday is the day," Lionel Walker, Rotary's organizer from Minden said Tuesday.

The money raised will be divided between the provincial fund for disabled children and the local Rotary Club's projects for the disabled.

The total amount pledged was more than $3,000 greater than last year.

The parking lot at Haliburton high school was a busy place Saturday as riders in this year's Snowarama pulled in to a checkpoint. Food and fuel were also available free at the school for those taking part in the ride for crippled children. More than $20,000 was raised in the Haliburton County ride.

Effect on area lakes depends on spring weather

Acidic snow a question mark

As the snow keeps falling on Haliburton County bringing with it chemicals that haunt us in the form of acid precipitation, Ministry of the Environment scientists don't know what effect the acidity will have on the streams and lakes this spring when run-off occurs.

Depending on the timing of spring weather, the effects of acid precipitation could be varying, according to Dr. Tom Brydges of the ministry's department of Limnology and Toxicity in Toronto.

"There is certainly more snow this year than last year, and presumably there is a greater build-up of corresponding accumulation of acid in that snow. So the effect that it will have when it goes out in the spring now is highly dependent on the speed that spring arrives, the amount of rain that comes in a short period of time and how quickly it warms up. All these factors will decide just whether we have a particularly bad Ph depression or whether it will be a little less," Dr. Brydges said.

At the Acid Precipitation In Ontario Study lab near Dorset, supervisor Ron Reid echoed Brydge's remarks, saying that the spring weather could make the difference. He noted that last year, when little snow fell, rains in January and early spring made the Ph level of runoff dip on the acidic scale.

But with the increase in snowfall the chances may be greater of a harmful run-off this spring, Brydges said.

"Certainly the potential for a substantial Ph depression is there, but Mother Nature is going to control what does happen and we'll be there to watch it," he said.

On Monday the area climatologist reported that measurements of surface snow indicated a Ph of 4.8 while a Ph of 3.8 was found at the bottom of the accumulated snow pack.

Both Brydges and Reid agreed these measurements were not normal but "normal for the area" and corresponded with measurements taken at the Dorset APIOS labs.

However Brydges said the ministry is not sure of the factors which contribute to the distribution of the acidity in the snow when it lands on the ground.

Presently tests are continuing at the Dorset labs, measuring the snow which is falling as well as making some advancements on drawing overall conclusions about the effects of acid precipitation on area waters.

With data now listed for the past six years, Brydges said the ministry can begin to draw accurate conclusions that will be used to prove that acid precipitation does exist and to document the effects it is having on aquatic life in a number of test lakes.

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Recreation committee submits report

Dysart agrees to hire a recreation director

The Municipality of Dysart et al may have a full-time recreation director by the end of March.

At a meeting Monday, council concurred with the recommendation of its recreation comittee that a recreation director should be hired.

In a report to council, committee chairman Scott LaRue said the director should have a minimum of four or five years experience in municipal recreation as well as a Type A or B certificate in municipal recreation from the Ministry of Education.

LaRue said the job would pay in the $20,000 range, although actual salary would be negotiated at the time of hiring.

The director would work in cooperation with the recreation committee, and would be directly responsible to it.

As well as assessing the community's recreation needs, the director would be expected to supervise the planning, organization, supervision and evaluation of physical, social, cultural and creative recreational programs in the community, according to the report.

He would also be expected to supervise facility managers and other recreational staff, the report notes.

LaRue said the committee believes the director should be hired by the end of March to give him or her time to assess the community's needs and plan programs for the summer.

As well as supervising programs centred around the Dysart arena, community centre and ball park, the director would also be responsible for other recreational facilities in the municipality, including the tennis courts, park and Rotary beach in Haliburton, the community centre, beach and baseball diamond in West Guilford, and the community centre and ball diamond in Harcourt.

The committee feels there will be enough work to justify a full time director, LaRue said.

"We feel that with his (the director's) coordination we will get better use of the facilities that we have," LaRue noted.

Although the director would be expected to lend his experience and expertise to help groups such as the squash club and the curling club plan their activities, "he will not force his way into existing groups," LaRue told council. Instead, the director would be expected to act as a coordinator in cooperation with other recreation oriented groups, he said.

Council agreed to advertise the position in specialized recreation publications.

Head Lake could be attraction if council agrees to proposals

Head Lake in Haliburton Village could be a busier place this summer than in past summers if council agrees to one or more of three proposals it received Monday.

One proposal would see a water ski school established on the lake, a second envisions a para-sailing operation with water ski and kite flying instruction as well, and a third outlines plans for a dozen paddle boats that would ply the waters between the government dock and Glebe Park.

While council did not make a firm decision on the proposals when they were outlined Monday, it responded more favourably to the para-sailing and paddle boat proposals than to the one which envisioned a water ski school.

The latter proposal came from Bert Hicks, a champion skier, coach and instructor who is currently working in Alberta.

Hicks proposed a full-fledged school on the lake that would include instruction in slalom, jumping, trick, recreational and barefoot skiing. As well, he noted in a letter to council, the lake could be used for water ski shows and skiing championships that might have strong spectator appeal.

But council did not appear excited by the proposal, which might conflict with other recreational uses of the lake by the public.

Received more favourably was a proposal from Barry Pettit of Willowdale, who told council he wanted to operate a para-sail operation on the lake.

IN para-sailing, Pettit told council, an individual wearing a special parachute is towed behind a boat, and can rise to heights of 300 feet. The sport is safe, he said, since the chute can descend without danger if the boat has to stop for any reason, and no special skills are needed.

Pettit told council that the school would operate six or seven days a week from June 26 through August 31, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday operation would be at the option of council under Pet-

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Focussed on archeological work

Echo feature story wins Heritage Award

The Haliburton County Echo has received a second major award in the Ontairo Weekly Newspaper's Association's annual better newspapers competition. A story written by Echo editor Len Pizzey has won the Heritage Award, sponsored by the provincial Ministry of Culture and Recreation. The two-part story about archeological work at the Leslie Frost Natural Resources Centre was judged to be the best article dealing with an aspect of the province's heritage published in an Ontario weekly newspaper in 1980.

The award will be presented at the newspaper association's annual convention in Toronto, March 6.

Bowl for Millions celebrity day set for this Saturday

The first annual Bowl for Millions campaign to raise funds for Big Brothers is underway this week, with a special celebrity bowl planned for Saturday at 2 p.m. at Carnarvon Lanes.

Funds raised in the event will go to help support Big Brothers of Canada and the local organization, the Haliburton County Big Brothers Association.

Among those who will be bowling in the celebrity event and raising funds through sponsorship from members of the public are county warden Murray Fearrey, Stanhope

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Learning to figure skate can be hard work but there is always a reward. Many years of practise can develop youngsters into proficient skaters. For a story on the local figure skating clubs, see page 3.

Snow conditions may pose a threat

MNR feeding local deer herds

by Sue Cooper

Heavy snowfall and frigid temperatures have long been natural enemies of the county's deer population, but even though this winter has provided plenty of both, the deer have not been seriously affected yet, according to the Minden district biologist.

As the snow continues to accumulate, deer begin to "yard up" more and take advantage of the artificial food provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources staff, Wayne Wilson said in a telephone interview Monday.

This year the ministry has embarked on an experimental program to feed the deer which includes breaking trails with a Bombi (Bombardier's two-track snow machine) and trucking in artificial feed to some of the deer yards.

"Right now, the main thing we're doing with this feeding program is just getting an idea of the response we're having with the deer and I feel it's still an experimental type program," Wilson said.

In the winter, the deer do not usually touch the artificial food, in this case grain, corn and insilage, if the weather conditions allow them to feed naturally on browse, Wilson said.

"It appears, that deer won't accept artificial feed if they don't need it. If there's lots of available natural browse, high-quality natural browse that they can get at, and acorns, then they won't touch the articial feed," Wilson said.

But the deer are feeding in some of the ministry's yards, Wilson said.

"In some of the yards, and conservation officers have more experience than myself, especially in the Kushog, Hindon area, they're definitely taking the feed. In fact in most yards they're taking the feed (corn/grain mixture). In the Percy Lake yard they have been taking some of the silage," Wilson added.

At the Percy Lake yard, where ensilage was trucked

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Dysart council will consider grant for 'Happy Gang' van

Dysart et al council has agreed to consider providing a yearly grant to the Happy Gang at Haliburton's extendicare that would be used for maintenance of a lift equipped van the Happy Gang hopes to purchase.

Fund-raising for the van is underway, but there is no indication of how soon the estimated $10,000 to $12,000 that will be needed can be raised.

Pat Burk, recreation director at extendicare, told council on Monday that the van, designed primarily for people confined to wheelchairs, would be available for use by various groups in the community.

In response to a question from council, Burk said the bus stationed at Hyland Crest could be used by extendicare, but that it requires a specially licenced driver. As well, charges for renting the bus and its location in Minden are factors which militate its use by the resident's council at extendicare, Burk indicated.

Applications for grants to help purchase the van are expected to be made within the next few weeks.

Pat Kennedy and Bob English, along with other volunteers, were busy last week preparing an ice track on Head Lake in preparation for Race Haliburton '81, slated for carnival weekend.

Conditions look good for Carnival

Special supplement outlines activities planned for the weekend

by Toqueplc

We are just about one week away from the 1981 Haliburton Winter Carnival with all of its thrills, spills and excitement. I don't know about you but I can hardly wait for the big weekend to arrive with Haliburton as the setting in this winter wonderland.

In an effort to promote the winter carnival we are once again publishing our annual Haliburton Winter Carnival supplement. This special 24 page supplement, which can be found in this week's issue of the Echo, contains a complete list of the carnival activities and information on merchants special offers. I was called in to help the Echo staff with this special issue and I was proud to be connected with the newspaper that had just recently won an award for the best supplement in its class. It was here that I realized just how much work is involved in putting out a supplement of this nature and the actual teamwork that is put out by each and every employee. It would also have been impossible to print this issue without the support of the business people whose advertisements appear on the various pages. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts and we hope that you will patronize them whenever you can.

There is one thing that we all have to admit and that is that it has been a long, cold winter. There has hardly been a let-up from the snow, cold weather, wind and rain and in other words, it's been enough to make anyone depressed. You have probably been thinking about going down south but you have been a little short of cash or you are having trouble getting the time off. We all seem to be at the point that we need a break in the action and something else to do and think about. Our solution to this problem is making it a point now to attend the 1981 Haliburton Winter Carnival which will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 20, 21 and 22. This won't be the answer to all of your problems but if you come out and participate we can guarantee that it will prove to be a great uplifting for your spirits. Make your plans now to be with us for this big weekend.

Last year at this time conditions were anything but good for the carnival with the lack of snow and warm weather but if present conditions continue the weather shouldn't prove to be a problem this year. We should have everything going for us.

Next Wednesday will be my last column before the carnival and at that time I will sum up and give you any last minute news on the changes in the schedule of events.

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Mixed Bonspiel
When: January 14-15
Where: Wilberforce Curling Club
Contact: Kathy 705-447-0197 wilberforcecurling@gmail.com

Sir Sam's Ski Challenge
When: Sunday Jan. 15
Where: Sir Sam's Ski / Ride
Family Fun ski race (runs for 7 Sundays plus final race Saturday March 6th) Cost: $40.00 entry fee per person
Contact: chris@sirsams.com 705-754-2298

Haliburton County Historical Society
When: Thursday, January 19th, 2017, 1:30 pm
Where: Haliburton Museum
Speaker: Kim Emmerson
Topic: Canada 150 and Dysart 150 - Movie with Music and Sound, confirmed

Winter Tracks & Signs
When: Saturday, Feb. 4, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Where: Nature's Place, Minden (Bobcaygeon Rd, just behind the library)
Please register at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca as there are limited spaces and craft supplies for this fun workshop.
Dress for the weather.
Cost : Admission by donation.
Leader: Wildlife Biologist Irene Heaven, Education Coordinator of Abbey Gardens.

Razzamataz Kids Shows
When: Sunday February 26, 2017, 2:00pm
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Saraka by Ballet Creole, ON

Reptile Road Show
When: Saturday, Mar. 18, 10 am start time until noon (arrive before 10 please for registration)
This is of our most popular events of the year! The knowledgeable folks from Scales Nature Park will bring their highly acclaimed outreach program to Haliburton once again, with a selection of interesting snakes and turtles for us to see, touch, and learn about.
Tickets must be purchased before the event either online at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or in person at our office at 739 Mountain St. Haliburton.
Cost: General Admission, $15.00 per adult, $10.00 Per child, Family Pass (up to 2 adults and 2 children) $30.00
Location: Haliburton Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Rd. Haliburton

Recurring Events

The VON SMART exercise program for balance, strength and flexibility.
When: Minden , Wednesday at 11 am
Where: Hyland Crest auditorium,
When: Haliburton, Thursday at 1 pm
Where: EchoHills.
Please contact Judy Webb at 705-286-5098 or Carol Browne at 705-457-4551 for more information.

Morning Glories
When: Tuesday and Friday 8:30am
Where: Upstairs in the Haliburton Arena
Contact: Jane Jaycock 705-754-9996 or jjaycock@hotmail.com
Exercises for cardio, strength training, balance and flexibility

Afterschool program at Archie Stouffer School
Haven is program for students in grades 5 to 8
A Youth Unlimited and Monarch Bible Camp Partnership
Thursdays - 3:30 to 5:30 in the Music Room
Games, Snacks, Bible learning, Crafts and monthly outreach at Highland Crest
Contact: teresa@youthunlimitedkaw.com or 705-887-3625
Registration forms available in school office

Youth Program
Minden has a Youth Program!! Students in grades 8 and up are invited to supper and program every Thursday night from 5:45 to 8:00 pm.
EVERYONE WELCOME! Explore faith, learn new skills, enjoy hanging out with other youth. Program run by Monarch Bible Camp and Youth Unlimited.
Where: Minden Bible Church-Bobcaygeon Road
Information: teresa@youthunlimitedkaw.com or 705-887-3625

Cancer Support Group,
Open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital from 1 pm to 3 pm. Please contact Lynn Higgs Thompson 705-457-2941 for more information.

Al-anon Minden
When; Monday evenings at 8 p.m.
Where: Hyland Crest (north entrance, follow signs inside building), 6 MacPherson, Minden
Details: For relatives and friends of problem drinkers. For more information call 1-888-425-2666

Kitchen Party Music Jams
When: Every Saturday From 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (continuous event)
Where: Dominion Hotel Pub, 113 Main Street, Minden, ON
Details: Musicians are welcome to come out to play and Fans are welcome to come out and enjoy the music at the free Jam Sessions every Saturday afternoon - 1st Saturday Folk/Celtic Music, 2nd & 5th Saturdays Mixed Acoustic Music, 3rd Saturday Country Music & 4th Saturday Bluegrass Music.
Contact: Gerry Mitchell at (705)799-5008 or by email at kitchenpartymusicjams@hotmail.com

Toastmaster Minden
When: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. 12 noon to 1:00 pm (winter meetings times)
Where: OPP conference room, 12598 Hwy. 35 (across from Tim Hortons)
The fee has been reduced
Anyone, who is 18 to 80 years of age can attend.
First three meetings are FREE

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild
When: Second Wednesday of every month, at 1-4 pm
Where: Stanhope Community Centre, 1095 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands
Details: Meeting often preceded by working on a project at 10 am.
Contact: Pat Campbell at (705) 457-1211 or patcampbell@live.ca

Haliburton Highlands Weaving & Spinning Guild Open Studios:
Time: Every Tues. 1-4p.m.
Place: Zion United Church, Carnarvon
No experience needed.
Contact: Pat @ 705-286-7782 or andreacoysh@gmail.com

Dorset Craft Connections Group
When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
$1 per person

Haliburton Region Shout Sister! Choir
When: Practices are held Thursday nights from 7-9 pm
Where: Haliburton United Church, Fellowship Room, 10 George St., Haliburton.
Details: Directed by Laurel McCauley, Welcoming new members. We do not audition and learn our music by ear. All levels of singers are welcome. We sing a fun variety of music from pop and folk to Motown.

Taoist Tai Chi
Carnarvon: Zion United Church
Tuesday: 10:00 am - noon
Friday: 10:00 am - noon
Wilberforce: Lloyd Watson Centre
Wednesday: 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Haliburton: United Church
Monday: 9:30 - 11:00 am
Health Recovery: Monday 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Thursday: 10 am - noon
Kinmount: Galway Community Centre
Monday: 10:00 am - noon

Thursday: 10:00 am - noon
For more information contact: Wilma at 705-457-5829 or email peterborough@taoist.org
Schedule of classes also at taoist.org/peterborough

Pickleball
When: Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00am-12:00pm.
Where: SG Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Racquets are provided so all you need are clean indoor shoes. Cost is $2.00
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator,
705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Table Tennis
When: Monday and Thursday evenings from 5:30pm-7:30pm.
Where: SG Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Cost is $3.00
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Legion Events

Branch 624, Wilberforce
Jan Simon PRO January 13th– January 19th

Friday Pool 1:30pm
Watch for Wing Night – coming soon
Jam Session 7:30pm
Saturday Meat Draw 2pm Early Bird 3pm Sharp
Monday Bid Euchre 7:00pm come out and learn – beginners welcome
Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30pm

Upcoming Event
Saturday, January 28th, Pat & Phyllis Gallen Lake Trout Ice Fishing Derby. $15/person – one fish entry
Weigh in 3-6pm at the branch – participants must be present to collect prizes.

Branch 129, Haliburton
Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571
Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1pm
Tuesdays: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7pm
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 pm start
Bingo Doors open at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm - $500 Jackpot **$1000 Jackpot** - last Wednesday of the month
Thursdays: General Meeting Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm All members urged to attend
Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at 1 pm
Fridays: Cribbage 1pm start
Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are $2 per draw…Chester Howse, MC
Darts Friday fun darts - 4:30pm onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 pm draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month 9:30 am – 1 pm $6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

Upcoming Events:
Live entertainment featuring **Todd Nolan Saturday January 28th 4-7pm** in the Club Room. Enjoy a delicious meal for only $6 prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary. $5 cover charge for non-members

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at **(705) 457- 2571**, email **rcl129@bellnet.ca** or visit **haliburtonlegion.com.** Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129... everyone is welcome!

Branch 636, Minden 705-286-4541
Ladies Darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.
Bid Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.
Big euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, $12
Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.
Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.
Liver lover's special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)
Meat Draw, Wednesday lunch time.
Upcoming Events:
Please listen to local radio regarding our special Saturday events.

Branch 441 Kinmount
PRO Raquel Linton 705-488-3191
Mondays: Seniors cards, pot luck lunch 1230 followed by Bid Euchre
Family Fun Bingo 630pm Children & Adult fun and All welcome!
Wednesday: Summer Drop In Darts
Fridays: Bingo 6:45 all welcome $300 Must Go Jackpot
Saturdays: 5pm Meat Draw

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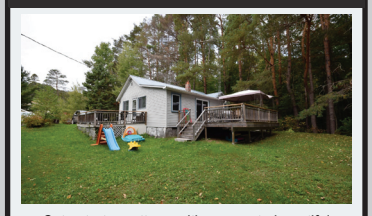

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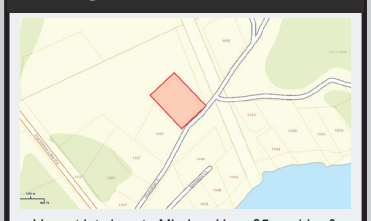
REAL ESTATE UPDATE
UNPROFITABLE IMPROVEMENTS

QUESTION: Are there any guidelines as to which home improvements are profitable and which are not?

ANSWER: The list of profitable improvements, meaning they add more value than they cost, include: kitchen renovation, bathroom renovation, room additions, landscaping, new floors and carpets, and (most profitable of all), new paint.

Unprofitable improvements which usually do not increase the markets value of a home include:
a new roof, new wiring, new plumbing, and converting a garage to a family room. Swimming pools and hot tubs usually don't add more value than their cost.

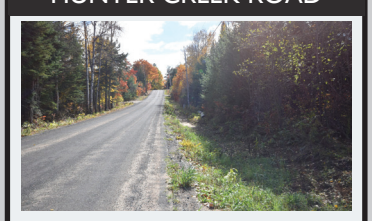
LOT NEAR MINDEN



Vacant lot close to Minden, Hwy. 35 corridor & Horseshoe Lk. Nicely treed in birch & pine, level, choice of sites for home or getaway. Yr rnd rd, lakes, golf, white water rafting all nearby.

$39,900

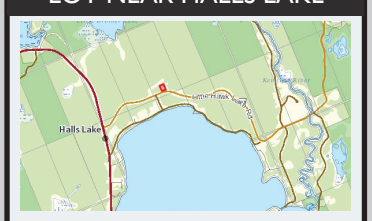
HUNTER CREEK ROAD



6.3 ac of forest close to Minden and Gull Lake. Municipal maintained road off of HWY 35, level property, good building sites. 159` feet of frontage.

$29,900

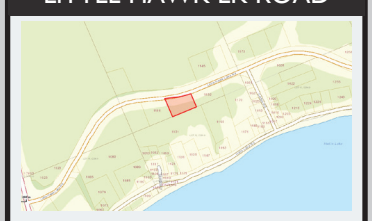
LOT NEAR HALLS LAKE



1.67 ac lot. Level, fully treed. Yr rnd rd, roughed in driveway. Walk to the public access on Halls Lake, & not far from a Park. Tube down the river for summer fun--the entry point is nearby.

$24,000

LITTLE HAWK LK ROAD



Nicely treed building lot situated on a year round road. Walk to the public access for swimming on Halls Lake. Great location for a year round home.

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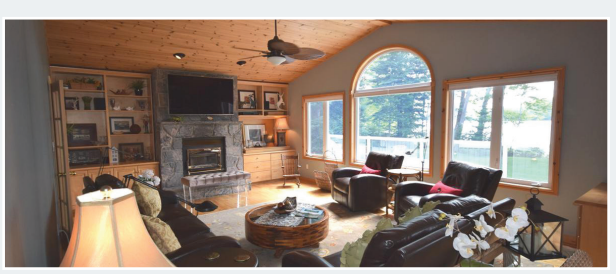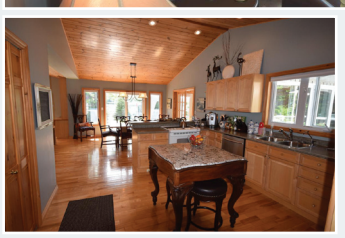
$1,140,000